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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/761,664	Applicant(s) HENDERSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Hung T. Vy	Art Unit 2821	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on the election filed on 5/20/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/21/2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledges

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the following items from the Applicant.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on 01/21/2004. The references cited on the PTOL 1449 form have been considered.

Specification

2. The specification has been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of possible minor errors. However, the applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1-2 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Shaver, U.S. patent No. 4,535,336.

Claim 1, Shaver discloses a roof rack assembly for transporting articles along a roof of a motor vehicle having an interior, said roof rack assembly comprising: a frame member 13 extending along the roof; and an electronic component 45 secured to said frame member 13 for receiving and transmitting signals to the interior portion of the motor vehicle (See fig. 1-4 and column 4, line 52-60).

Claim 2, it is inherent that Shaver discloses a radio frequency receiver module because in order to get or receive the signal by using a balun transformer.

5. Claim 1-3 are rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wang et al., U.S. patent No. 6,657,589.

Claim 1, Wang et al. disclose a roof rack assembly for transporting articles along a roof of a motor vehicle having an interior, said roof rack assembly comprising: a frame member (See fig. 14) extending along the roof; and an electronic component 300 secured to said frame member for receiving and transmitting signals to the interior portion of the motor vehicle (See fig. 14).

Claim 2, Wang et al. disclose a radio frequency receiver module (See fig. 7 and fig. 14-16).

Claim 3, Wang et al. disclose a radar sensor (See column 5, line 30-35).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, since the prior art of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the electronic component is a camera for creating a digitized signal of a space disposed adjacent to the motor vehicle.

Conclusion

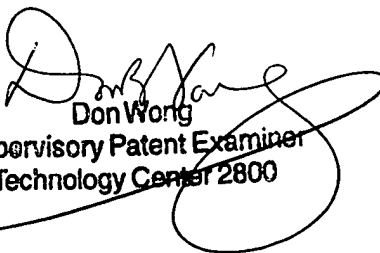
7. When responding to the office action, Applicants are advised to provide the examiner with the line numbers and page numbers in the application and/or references cited to assist the examiner to locate the appropriate paragraphs.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Vy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:30pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

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